

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Comrade Samuel Toombs's History of the Gettysburg Campaign.

The book entitled "New Jersey Troops in the Gettysburg Campaign" by Mr. Samuel Toombs, editor of the Orange Evening Mail, is more than its title indicates. It is a history of the great crisis-battle of the rebellion that will rank with the best of the many war-books that have been published. Already Mr. Toombs has received congratulatory letters from the Governor and from the Adjutant-General, as well as testimonials from eminent ex-soldiers of the State, commending the book as being accurate and impartial. It is a work which should be in the library of every Jerseyman who takes pride in the achievements of his State and would have what is invaluable, and never before grouped—the detailed exploits of our volunteers in that memorable campaign. It will be quite generally commended, we are sure, for its fidelity to facts, and for its clearness of description.

The book opens with an account of the various organizations of the volunteer service that went from New Jersey out to 1862, the dates of their muster-in, their commanders, and the number of men enlisted—aggregating about ten thousand troops, of whom nearly one half were effective for duty at Gettysburg. "These men," our historian says, "who went to the war in 1861 and 1862, were governed by love of country and hatred of the heresy of secession. They were the representatives of a principle, and embodied in their service the patriotic sentiment of the time. No danger was too great, no trial too severe but found them ready and willing to undertake its performance. This was the class of men who confronted Lee's army on the heights of Gettysburg."

Each report that came to their ears of the destructive march of Lee's army through the north only nerved these men to a higher sense of the responsibilities which devolved upon them, and in spite of all the discouragements of the past, the Army of the Potomac never felt itself better able to cope with its old antagonist than on those fateful days of July, 1863.

The second chapter states the position, relatively, of both armies near the Rappahannock in June, and then the author proceeds to give in detail the gallant exploit of a New Jersey regiment (the Twenty-sixth Infantry) ordered, June 5th, as part of the 6th Corps, to cross the river under fire and assault the enemy. That was the initial step in the Gettysburg campaign by the Union army. The complete account of the Twenty-sixth's part in this affair at Franklin's Crossing is given, with an illustration of the embarkation. There are also portraits of the lamented Captain Uzal Dodd, who gave his life in this reconnaissance, and of Major W. W. Morris, who led the assault.

In like manner the succeeding events of the campaign are traced in their order, with greater or less minuteness—the former whenever in the record a New Jersey organization is engaged. Thus we have a general, comprehensive view of the campaign, and a particularly full account of our New Jersey troops therein, from first to last, with the number and names of the killed, wounded and missing.

The book contains over 400 pages, with numerous maps and portraits, together with engravings of all the New Jersey monuments that have been erected at Gettysburg to locate the spot where each command was engaged in the battle. It also contains biographical sketches of Generals Hooker, Meade, Kilpatrick, Torbert, Sewell, Ramsey, and other officers. Altogether it is a work that must have cost painstaking efforts on the part of the author. He has performed well a labor that we should be only too glad to see remunerated by generous subscriptions and sales all over the State.

S. M. H.

A Race of Dwarfs.
One of the most striking things to be met with in the earlier pages of Emin Pasha's journal is a reference to a report which is brought to him between Lado and Dufur, on the Upper Nile, that a race of dwarfs inhabit mountain caves to the west of Beden. They were said to be only forty inches high, of a brown color and of great agility, to eat white ants and roots, and to shoot with very small arrows, which are poisoned and very difficult to extract. The pigmies he was inclined to regard as the remainder of a dwarf population which ages ago spread itself over central Africa.

Four years later he himself comes upon some specimens of the Akka, a pigmy people, divided into numerous small tribes, who lead a nomadic life in the Montutti country. One of these Akkas "had a reddish, but rather dark skin (probably dirt), was very prognathous, rather swag belled, but exceedingly nimble. His height was 3 feet 6 inches. His whole body was covered by thick stiff hair, almost like felt, which was especially thick on the breast. A girl 14 years of age measured 3 feet 7-8 inch in height. These people are said to be very expert hunters, but also very vindictive, so that the neighboring tribes are glad to let them have all they want for maintenance in return for skins and feathers, the products of the chase, which they procure with bows and arrows alone."—Chambers's Journal.

THE LAST REMNANT.

Fifteen Full Grown Bison and Seven Calves Corralled by Texas Cowboys.

C. J. Jones, of Garden City, Kan., better known throughout the southwest as "Buffalo" Jones, who started with a party of seven last April to capture alive the only remaining herd of buffalo on the plains of Texas, has successfully accomplished his purpose, and the shaggy haired captives are now made acquainted with civilization and the comforts of a well kept ranch a few miles from Garden City. In starting out to capture the animals Mr. Jones calculated that he would find about one hundred animals roaming over the plains between the north and south forks of the Canadian river, but he found upon arrival there that the number had been greatly overestimated. There were hardly two score all told, and these so scattered that it was with the greatest difficulty that he and his party of experienced hunters corralled and saved from destruction the small herd.

The story of the hunt and the manner of capturing them has been told from time to time by dispatches brought by the carrier pigeons sent to the party. A total of fifteen old buffaloes and seven calves were secured and have been carefully watched by Lee Howard and others of the party, while awaiting the arrival of the tame herd owned by Mr. Jones, which was used as the guide for the wild animals in the trip north. Mr. Jones shipped from his ranch thirty-two domesticated buffaloes and upon arriving at the spot where the wild ones were corralled the latter were turned loose among the tame ones. They speedily fraternized, and after a few days the journey to Garden City was begun. The contained herd were driven by cowboys and dogs, as the common Texas steer is, and the whole lot safely ranched on Mr. Jones' place.

This ranch is on one of the finest grazing sections in southwest Kansas, covering 1,500 acres, well wooded and watered, with abundant ranges on every side. The 200 head of cattle and sixty-one buffaloes on this ranch in winter and summer season over the surrounding plains. This is where Mr. Jones and his colleagues, for he will organize a stock company for the breeding of his buffalo cattle, intend to go into an enterprise that eventually will revolutionize the breeding of range cattle. The domestic cow crosses with the buffalo bull admirably and the product is a large, hardy and superb meat giving animal, requiring comparatively little care, living almost entirely on the range and strong enough in the characteristics of the wild animal to withstand the storms of winter. The domestic cattle, when a blizzard comes, turn their backs to it and soon become exhausted. The buffalo cross breeds face the storm and come out of it as well as ever. They need less attention, grow fast and thrive on the ranges that the domestic cattle desert, and altogether present a field enterprise that offers large profit. The meat is firm and juicy, and the average weight of the dressed carcass is over 1,200 pounds. The price in any market is double that of the best ordinary beef. The hide of the cross breed is a valuable article. It is a thick, smooth skin, with the soft hair of the buffalo covering it evenly, and can be readily sold for \$50 each.

Mr. Jones discovered near Winnipeg a similar ranch, owned by S. L. Bedson, warden of the penitentiary, but it is not being run on a large scale. This ranch is situated about sixty miles southeast from Winnipeg, and on recent visit Mr. Jones found that the greatest success was being had by Mr. Bedson in cross breeding. He has no hesitation in pronouncing the half and three-quarter breed cattle the best in the world for range purposes. On the Bedson ranch the buffalo cross cattle live entirely on the prairie grasses, summer and winter, paying up the roots in winter and needing no care. Mr. Bedson is not making much effort as yet to market his stock, and is getting only eighteen cents a pound for such as he kills for market, but he hides bring him \$50 each for robes. He has only twenty-five head of the half breeds, but will have many more next year. Mr. Jones offered his rival in the business no less than \$500 apiece for the twenty-five head, \$12,500 in all, but the offer was refused with a laugh. Evidently Mr. Bedson knows he has a good thing. He even refused to put a price on them.

On the Garden City ranch there will be placed one hundred head of Galloway cows, a sturdy breed, which, with the buffalo cross, produce the new cattle, and the day is not far distant when the epicures of all American cities will be able to indulge in the luxury of a table meat that combines the nutritive qualities of a juicy buffalo steak with the firmness and tenderness of the best stall fed ox.

While in the north, Mr. Jones heard that a few miles out of Emerson, Manitoba, there were some moose deer and he at once made arrangements to try, and capture a young one to add to his stock of wild animals, and in his endeavor he was entirely successful, bringing back with him a male moose calf about six weeks old, which he will place on the Garden City ranch.—Chicago Times.

Work Among the London Poor.

The number of London city missionaries is now 488, and every missionary visits once a month about 600 families, or 2,900 persons. Their work is to pioneer a path among the most wretched and debased of our fellow creatures, in which the pastor may in due time follow. Among the special duties of these missionaries are to attend the destitute of those who are dying, uncareful for, to distribute tracts, to see that the children attend a school and to see that no family is without the Word of God. The society has now appointed special missionaries to visit soldiers, sailors, bakers, actors, coachmen, grooms, cabmen, omnibus men and canal boatmen, and to look after the spiritual needs of the Germans, French, Italians, Swedes, Spaniards, Jews and Orientals, and, indeed, all foreigners resident in London. Twenty-five missionaries have exclusively been commissioned to visit coffee shops and public houses. From the summary of the work of the society for the year it appears that more than 3,000,000 calls have been made, 4,500,000 tracts distributed and 1,975 drunkards reclaimed. —London Times.

Eat Freely of Lemons.

An experienced and highly respected physician gave me a valuable hint the other day which others may find as useful as I did. "I am convinced," said he, "not only from practical personal experience, but on theoretically scientific grounds also, that a safeguard against much prevalent summer illness lies in the free use of lemon juice. Citric acid helps to supply the place of the fluids which are unduly dissipated through the pores of the skin in hot weather. Eat plenty of lemons and you can stand the heat infinitely better than those who do not make use of the fruit with which nature has supplied tropical countries." —The Epoch.

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